



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States. In 2014, an estimated 45,000 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States, and 38,660 will die from the disease; and
- WHEREAS: When symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is often too late for an optimistic prognosis. Seventy-four percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis and ninety-four percent die within the first five years; and
- WHEREAS: There is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in survival rates in the last 40 years; and
- WHEREAS: African Americans have the highest occurrence of pancreatic cancer, between thirty-four and seventy percent higher than other racial and ethnic groups; and
- WHEREAS: The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and
- WHEREAS: The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Minnesota support patients currently battling pancreatic cancer and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and
- WHEREAS: The health and well-being of Minnesotans is enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness of pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2014, as:

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 20th day of October.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE